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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS,
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID them AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
p. Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 17th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNIZED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP,.....\$3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,
PARIS.

AGENCEES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MAMMELLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYONS, CALCUTTA, BANGKOK,
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND,
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK
OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS,

For 8 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Entertainment.

V. R.

GARRISON THEATRE.

BY Kind Permission of His EXCELLENCE the MAJOR-GENERAL, COMMANDING, and under Patronage of Lieut.-Col. GEDDES and OFFICERS 27th INNISKILLINGS, the

KILLING, the INNISKILLING CHRISTY MINSTRELS

beg to announce to the Garrison and the Public their intention of giving two PERFORMANCES IN THE ABOVE THEATRE.

THIS EVENING, the 15th JULY, 1879,

For the benefit of the Widows and Orphans CAUSED BY THE CAPE WAR.

Programme.

SONGS, CLOG DANCE, CORNET SOLO, COMIC DUET,

"THE ZULU WARRIOR," NEGRIO FARCE,

"OLD HUNKS."

To conclude each Evening with the PLANTATION WALK ROUND

"WHOSE DAT FOOT A BURNING."

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel GEDDES and OFFICERS, a portion of the Band of 27th Inniskillings will attend.

Price of Admission:

Front Seats,.....One Dollar.

Second do.,.....50 Cents.

Third do.,.....25 "

Tickets can be obtained at the OFFICES, MISS. SEBRETT'S, MESES, CANTERS, R.A., and 27th INNISKILLINGS, and at the DOOR on the Nights of Performance.

Doors Open at.....8.30 p.m.
To Commence at.....9.00 "

PUNKS will be kept in motion during the Performance.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN,"

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

Intimations.

WANTED for the SAILORS' HOME, A STEWARD. Apply to the Under-signed.

H. G. THOMSETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879.

NOTICE.

HE Ward Room Officers of H.M.S.

Pegasus are not RESPONSIBLE for any Debts that may be incurred by ROBERT DOUGLASS, late Ward Room Steward of the Pegasus.

Hongkong, July 14, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of October, Dr. EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 60, Queen's Road Central, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 20, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, September 20, 1879.

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EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

: :

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, Latest Editions.

CAVENDISH ON WHIST.

POLE'S THEORY OF WHIST.

WALKER'S CORRECT CARD.

BALBRIGGAN UNDERSHIRTS (A Novelty).

WIRE RAT TRAPS.

BULL'S EYE LANTERNS.

BATH SPONGES.

WHITE BRO'S PORTLAND CEMENT.

LAWN TENNIS BATS, BALLS and NETS.

LAWN BOWLS, QUOITS and OTHER GAMES.

Scotch Home-made JAMS and JELLIES.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS.

ICE-PITCHERS and PAILS.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.

French BOOTS and SHOES.

English BOOTS and SHOES.

CHRISTY'S BLACK and DRAB HATS.

"YOU DIRTY BOY."

Cope's GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

American GOLDEN LEAF TOBACCO.

Well-Scented CIGARS.

MEERSCHAUM PIPES and CIGAR TUBES.

POCKET-KNIVES.

QUININE.

CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

SPIRIT LEVELS.

New Style CHIT BOOKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 25th Instant, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 4, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th Instant.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, June 20, 1879. jy20

THE Undersigned have been appointed
SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and
China for the Sale of their LEAD by the
MECHANIC MINING COMPANY.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, June 27, 1879. se27

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Paris I.
and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal
8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN BIRKEL,
Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MEERS LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MEERS
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

Notices to Consignees

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship China, Captain LACH-
LAN, having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby re-
quested to send in their Bills of Lading
to the Undersigned for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S. S. KAISER-I-HIND.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel from London, Bombay
and intermediate Ports and in connection
with the Népal from London, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
and stored at their risk in the Company's
Godowns at West Point, whence delivery
can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 16th Instant
will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless intimation to the contrary be re-
ceived before 4 p.m. To-DAY.

A. McIVER,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1879. jy16

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"VOLGA,"

Commandant GUIBARD, will be

despatched for YOKOHAMA

shortly after the arrival of the next French
Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"ANADYR,"

Commandant, will be

despatched for SHANGHAI

shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

SATURDAY,

JULY 19th, 1879.

FIRST APPEARANCE
IN HONGKONG

MISS CLARA STANLEY'S
OPERA & OPERA-BOUFFE
COMPANY.

MISS CLARA STANLEY as PRIMA
DONNA, whose recent success in
Shanghai has been unrivaled—she having
appeared in upwards of Forty-five Operas
and been acknowledged by the Press and
the Public in general to have achieved the
greatest success ever known in China—
Will give a short Season of Operas of
THREE NIGHTS ONLY,

When the following Operas will be
produced:

Saturday, July 19th,
LEOCOQ's Sparkling Comic Opera
"GIROFLE-GIROFLA."

First time in Hongkong,
MISS CLARA STANLEY,
as "GIROFLE-GIROFLA."

Wednesday, July 23rd,
BELLINI's "LA SONNAMBULA,"

First time in Hongkong,
MISS CLARA STANLEY AS "AMINA."

Saturday, July 26th,
"GENEVIEVE DE BRABANT,"

First time in Hongkong,
MISS CLARA STANLEY AS "DROGAN,"

(A Baker).

Saturday, July 19th,
"GIROFLE-GIROFLA."

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Girofle { Twin } MISS CLARA

Girofle { Sisters, } STANLEY.

Marcaplin, Miss AGNES DRAGENS.

Don Bolero d'Al-

carzana, Mr J. ROLLINGS.

Mourzoul, Mr G. CLARKE.

Pedro, GENTLEMAN AMATEUR.

Paquita, Mr C. EVERARD.

Aurore, Miss BEETHA HICCOX.

Cousin, GENTLEMAN AMATEUR.

Girofle { Twin } MISS CLARA

Girofle { Sisters, } STANLEY.

PIRATES, MOORS, GUESTS, &c.

Musical Director, Mr F. PANIZZA.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra
Stalls, TWO DOLLARS;

pit, ONE DOLLAR;

SEASON TICKETS (three nights) Dress

Circle or Orchestra Stalls, 50.

Tickets to be had, and Seats secured at

Messrs KATSB & Co.'s, where a Plan of the

Theatre may be seen.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen

cannot be admitted.

JOHN ROLLINGS,

Manager,

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879. jy22

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The 41 British Bark

"ORANGE GROVE,"

Capt. LOSTMUIR, shortly due,

will load here for the above

Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

BUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

Intimations.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 41 British Bark

"COLWYN,"

BULMAN, Master, will load

here for the above Port, and

will be despatched on the 22nd July.

For freight or passage, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

Intimations.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship

"NAMOA,"

Capt. WESTON, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports

on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 10 a.m.

For freight or passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

Intimations.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking cargo and passengers for all Aus-
tralian and New Zealand Ports,

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FILI-

The Company's Steamship

"OCEAN,"

will leave as above on SA-

TURDAY, the 19th Inst., at Noon, instead of as previously notified.

For freight or passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1879.

Intimations.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 14, 11 p.m., Beethoven, German

barque, 340, R. Hejo, Quangal July 10,

3 p.m., General—MAHONING & Co.

July 15, Courier, French barque, 348, G.

La Porte, Singapore July 3, Rite—OBRE

July 15, Diamond, British steamer, 514,

E. Thebaud, Manila July 12, General—

Russell & Co.

July 15, Parrot, French barque, 342,

Phosphates July 5, General—

CARLOWITZ & Co.

July 15, Taiwan, German barque, 373,

C. Jessen, Newchwang June 15, Beans—

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.

DEPARTURES.

July 15, Fabius, for Kulikwick,

15, Atlanta, for Holloway & Haliphong,

15, Yutting, for Swatow,

15, Amoy, for Shanghai,

15, Kwangtung, for Coast Ports,

15, Danube, for Bangkok,

15, Diamant, for Amoy.

CLEARED.

G. O. Trufan, for San Francisco.

Irene, for New York.

Clara Babuyn, for Newchwang.

Charlton, for Yokohama.

thing to decrease the heat and unpleasantness of so large a number meeting in so small a hall.

It will be seen by advertisement that Miss Clara Stanley's Opera and Opera Bouffe Troupe, arrived the other day from Shanghai, announce three operatic entertainments here, the first on Saturday next, when "Giroff-Giroff" will be produced.

With Miss Stanley as prima donna, and her admirable company—(both have been the recipients of the most handsome compliments to their artistic ability from the Shanghai and other papers since they were last here)—there is no doubt a musical and artistic treat will be provided. The City Hall has been improved since last there was any public entertainment in it; and neither the safety nor the beauty of the hall has been decreased by the erection of neat taper iron pillars in place of the huge unattractive wooden masts, which being ant-eaten became so many "whited sepulchres."

Mr. Stanley, who left to-day for Singapore by the P. and O. steamer *Khadie*, gave an exhibition of billiards at the Star Hotel, last night, when a fair audience was present. He played one of our best amateurs a game of 500, and won, of course; he being "game" when his opponent was a little over 300. The playing was very much admired indeed, that of the amateur (who played very carefully and with the most admirable neatness and skill) as greatly, we might say, as that of Mr. Stanley. A few games of pyramids occupied the rest of the evening. In these the professional had everything his own way; he seemed to be able to do anything he liked with any one or all of the 15 balls. Heartfelt rounds of applause were given to both the players during and after the game. We believe it is Mr. Stanley's intention to spend some time again at Singapore, where he is a great favourite. Of Mr. Shorter and Mr. Roberts, we hear that one (the former) goes home by America, while the other will probably return this way.

In this hot weather, when even many foreigners would fain dispense with all unnecessary articles of apparel, it may be deemed invidious by our native fellow-townsmen to touch upon a subject so very intimately concerns their daily ease and comfort. But while willing to concede them a reasonable latitude in this regard, it must be remembered that it may be carried to a point incompatible with the demands of outward decorum. Happily but few cases of this nature are to be met with in Hongkong, and these are mostly confined to the Fraya and environs. A seemingly widespread custom seems to prevail here among the Chinese, of sleeping at night on the side-walks in front of their houses. From this practice occasional scenes of indecency may be seen by passers-by at certain parts of the town, where but little tr. fio obtains. Mats are spread on the side-path, and on such improvised beds, a motley group of men and boys—in some cases women too—court the cool night breeze in a state of semi-nudity, and even entire nakedness. Besides the want of propriety which such a practice involves, it is also attended by inconvenience to pedestrians and some danger to the sleepers themselves; for, on dark nights, and particularly at the corners of streets, they are liable to be trodden upon by any negligent or hurried passer-by.

In Japan, some years ago, this matter of insufficient clothing was carried to such a pitch, that it became the subject of ministerial representation to the native authorities; and through their concerted action an abatement of the practice was brought about. This however was not so easily accomplished; for not only was such interference strongly resented by the people, but it had also considerable opposition from those in power, who considered it as an insidious encroachment upon the autonomy of a free state. Time, however, and the accommodating disposition of rulers and the ruled conspired to bring about their acquiescence in the new situation.—Communicated.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending July 6th 1879.—

	European.	Chinese
Monday, July 7th,	64	379
Tuesday, 8th,	62	400
Wednesday, 9th,	40	303
Thursday, 10th,	8	...
Friday, 11th,	37	267
Saturday, 12th,	49	268
Sunday, 13th,	37	Sunday
Totals	288	1,622
Grand total, 1890.		

The *New Freie Presse* of Vienna, which is supposed to have access to exceptional sources of information on Masonic subjects, gives the following statistics of the recognised lodges:—In Germany, 342; Switzerland, 28; Hungary, 44; Roumania, 11; Servia, 1; Ireland, 380; Gibraltar, 5; Malta, 4; Sweden and Norway, 18; France, 287; Spain, 300; Portugal, 23; Italy, 110; Greece, 11; Turkey, 26; Egypt, 28; various parts of Africa, 28; South African colonies, 61; Aden, 1; India, 118; among the islands of the Indian seas, 18; China, 18; Japan, 5; Australia, 226; the Australian Islands, 4; New Zealand, 84; the United States of North America, 9,894; Canada, 585; Cuba, 80; Hayti, 32; Mexico, 18; Brazil, 266; in the other South American States, 179—altogether about 1,800 lodges. The number of Freemasons on December 31, 1878, exceeded 5,000,000. It will be noticed that there are some very important omissions in the enumeration of the Viennese paper.

Great Britain, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, and Austria have been quite passed over.

HIPPO & CO.'S WEEKLY SHIPPING REPORT, FAGODA ANCHORAGE, 5TH JULY, 1879.

ARRIVALS DURING THE WEEK.—June 27, Alexi, from Hongkong; 28, Moorburg, from Hongkong; 29, Memmuk, from Hongkong; 30, Cyclop, from Tamsui; July 1, Glouster, from Shanghai; 1, Kwangtung, from Hongkong; 1, Lord of the Isles, from Takao; 4, Hae An, from Shanghai.

DEPARTURES DURING THE WEEK.—June 27, Swatow, for Swatow; 28, Hae An, for Shanghai; 28, Douglas, for Hongkong; 28, Ben Glore, for London; July 2, Black Prince, for Melbourne; 2, Europe, for Shanghai; 3, E. C. Mitch, for Tamsui; 4, Kwangtung, from Hongkong.

SHIPPING IN PORT.—Monarach, Syria; Teviot, Meridenshire, Undaunted, Salamis, Wm. Manson, Alexa, Moorburg, Memmuk, Cyclop, Glenroy, Lord of the Isles, Hae An.

A CURIOUS CONTEST IS WAGING IN THE GREAT MANUFACTURING TOWN OF NEWARK (CONN.) JUST NOW, WHICH IS OF SOME INTEREST TO US, ENDEAVOURING AS WE HAVE BEEN TO MAKE OUR HOLY DAY HERE HOLIER.

NEWARK HAS ABOUT 150,000 INHABITANTS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE FOREIGNERS. BY STATE LEGISLATION THE SALE OF BEER AND THE SALE OF EVERYTHING ELSE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON THE "LORD'S DAY." THESE STATUTES HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN FROM THE NEEDS OF THE CASE BUT RARELY ENFORCED. LATELY, SOME OF THE EXTREMISTS INVOKED THEM TO SHUT UP THE BEER SALOONS ON SUNDAY, AND A NUMBER OF THE REFRACRY GERMAN SALOON-KEEPERS WERE IMPRISONED AND FINED. IN RETALIATION THEY IN THEIR TURN COMBINED TOGETHER TO PUT A STOP TO EVERY OTHER SPECIES OF SUNDAY CELEBRATION. EVEN THE MOST EXTREME OF PURITANS HAS A WEAKNESS FOR READING THE NEW YORK SUNDAy NEWSPAPERS, AND EVEN PRESBYTERIAN DEACONS ARE SEEN SOMETIMES ON A SUNDAY MORNING IN A BARBER'S SHOP. TO HAVE A DEACON, OR TO SELL HIM A NEWSPAPER IS, HOWEVER, UNDER THE STRICT LETTER OF THE LAW, AS GRAVE AN OFFENCE AS IT IS TO DISPOSE OF A GLASS OF BEER TO A THIRSTY DUTCHMAN. GREAT, indeed, was the surprise of the Newark Puritans, when, following their victory over the German beer-sellers, they found the latter retorting by cutting off their supplies of Sunday journals and shutting up the barbers' shops. THE BEER SELLERS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE ORGANIZED A FORCE OF SPECIAL POLICE, AND MADE THE EMBARGO UPON EVERY KIND OF SUNDAY TRADING ABSOLUTE. EVEN THE MILKMAID WERE ARRESTED, FOR LEAVING THE USUAL QUART OF MILK ON THE LORD'S DAY MORNING. IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE STRUGGLE WILL BE WAGED IN FUTURE WITH GREATER ENERGY THAN AT PRESENT. THE PRESENT LAWS—A CENTURY OLD—EVEN PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM WALKING OR DRIVING IN THE STREETS ON A SUNDAY, EXCEPT IN GOING TO OR FROM A CHURCH, OR GOING FOR A PHYSICIAN. THE RESULT WILL, OF COURSE, BE A MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING LAWS BY THE LEGISLATURE, AND THEN THE LAGER BEER MEN HOPE THAT THEY WILL HAVE INFLUENCE ENOUGH TO PREVENT SPECIAL LAWS AGAINST SALOONS.

WRITING ON THE CHINESE IMMIGRATION QUESTION, THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS LETTER HAS THE FOLLOWING, WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN REPRODUCED IN THIS COUNTRY:

A SYDNEY FIRM OF PUBLISHERS HAS PRODUCED A REPRINT OF THE SPEECHES DELIVERED BY HIS EXCELLENCY SIR HERCULES ROBINSON, DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE IN THIS COLONY. A VOLUME HAS BEEN SPECIALLY BOUND FOR PRESENTATION TO THE HON. LADY ROBINSON, AND WILL BE DISPATCHED TO NEW ZEALAND AT ONCE. IT IS BOUND IN FINE FRENCH CALF, BEAUTIFULLY GILT AND ORNAMENTED, AND INSIDE THE COVER ARE THE FOLLOWING WORDS:—"RESPECTFULLY PRESENTED TO THE HON. LADY ROBINSON BY THE PRINTERS, GIBBS, SHALLARD, & CO., SYDNEY." TAKEN ALTOGETHER IT IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS OF PRINTING AND BINDING THAT HAS EVER BEEN PRODUCED IN THIS COLONY. IT IS INCLOSED IN A SATIN-LINED CASE, BEARING ON THE OUTSIDE THE MONOGRAM OF THE RECIPIENT.

THE SEVERE MORALISTS WHO PRACTICE AGAINST OUR OPIUM TRADE WITH CHINA, WILL NOTE WITH INDIGNATION THAT IT STILL INCREASES. THE VALUE OF OPIUM SENT TO THE CHINESE TREATY PORTS LAST YEAR EXCEEDED 339,145 LAKHS; THE FIGURE FOR THE YEAR BEFORE WAS UNDER 248,145 LAKHS. AND THE MORALISTS SHOULD LOOK WITH ANXIETY AT ANOTHER SET OF FIGURES. THE VALUE OF OPIUM EXPORTED TO OTHER COUNTRIES THAN CHINA AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS IS INCREASING AGAIN. IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO NOTIFY IN THE MONTHLY TRADE RETURN FOR INDIA THE AMOUNT OF OPIUM SENT TO ENGLAND. ACCORDING TO THE *LANCET* THE SALE OF OPIUM AT HOME IS LARGER THAN EVER; THE CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS AT THE SAME TIME IS FALLING OFF. ONE EXPLANATION OFFERED IS THAT AS THE LEGISLATURE PUTS DISADVANTAGE INTO THE WAY OF PEOPLE WISHING TO GET DRUNK, THERE IS A GREATER DEMAND FOR NARCOTIC DRUGS. THIS EXPLANATION, HOWEVER, DOES NOT FIND FAVOUR WITH THE *LANCET*, WHICH SUGGESTS ANOTHER CAUSE IN THE COMPARATIVE DEARNESS OF SPIRITS AND THE CHEAPNESS OF OPIUM; HARD TIMES MAKING THE DIFFERENCE OF MORE ACCOUNT THAN FORMERLY. WHATEVER MAY BE THE CAUSE, THE FACT OF THE EVIL REMAINS: "THE SALE OF OPIUM IS EXTENDING IN ENGLAND AMONGST THE LOWER CLASSES." BUT THE EVIL IS NOT CONFINED TO THESE GRADES OF SOCIETY; IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT NARCOTICS ARE NOW BEING MORE USED BY EDUCATED PEOPLE. IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN THE TENDENCY, IF ONLY ONE COULD BELIEVE THE *SPECTATOR*. THIS AUTHORITY EXERCISED ITSELF THE OTHER DAY ABOUT THE "MELANCHOLY OF THE EDUCATED ENGLISH," BEING ESPECIALLY STRUCK BY AN ARTICLE IN THE *NINETEENTH CENTURY* AND A POEM IN *TIME*. THE POET, MR. TRAILL, WROTE:

"TOO FAR OUR RACE HAS JOURNEYED FROM ITS BIRTH. TOO FAR DEST CASTS HIS SHADOWS OVER THE EARTH. ALL WHO REMAIN TO STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT OUR HEARTS, SINCE THEY HAVE LOST THEIR TRICK OF MIRTH."

IT MIGHT NOT SEEM UNREASONABLE TO SUGGEST THAT OPIUM AND NARCOTICS ARE ACTUALLY BEING TRIED AS A REMEDY; THE FACTS GIVEN BY THE *LANCET* WOULD SEEM TO JUSTIFY THE HYPOTHESIS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE *SATURDAY REVIEW* DENIES THE PREVALENCE OF THE MELANCHOLY WHICH THE *SPECTATOR* BELIEVES IN,—THE EXISTENCE AT LEAST OF ANY EXTRA AMOUNT OF BLACK BILE. MR. TRAILL'S ARGUMENT, HOWEVER, IS BY NO MEANS A NEW ONE; IT IS THE OLD STORY, *NOVA NOVITATIS, TERRITORIUS PASTIMA SUNT*. NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME DO WE REGRET THE DAYS WHEN THOUGHT WAS GAY, AND LIFE WAS YOUNG.—*PIONEER*.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IN REVIEWING A RECENT BRITISH BURMA POLICE REPORT, PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRONG FRONTIER FORCE FOR BRITISH BURMA. THE FORCE, HE CONSIDERED, SHOULD BE SPECIALLY MANNED AND OFFICERED. CONSIDERING THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS BOTH IN UPPER AND BRITISH BURMA, THE IDEA IS NOT A BAD ONE; AND SOMETHING FROM HOME MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT IN THE FACE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.—*PIONEER*.

THE MOSCOW GAZETTE THROWS FURTHER LIGHT ON GENERAL LASAREFF'S EXPEDITION. THE WHOLE SUBJECT IS DISCUSSED IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED ON THE 22ND APRIL; AND, THE *PIONEER* SAYS, BETTER EXAMPLE OF RUSSIAN TRICKERY COULD HARDLY BE IMAGINED. THE FOLLOWING IS OUR CONTEMPORARY'S SUMMARY OF THE ARTICLE:—

CROSSING THE HEADING OF THE PANAMA CANAL FOLLY THE *ATLA CALIFORNIA* WRITES:—

THE PARTIES WHO PUT UP THE PANAMA CANAL JOB HAVE APPARENTLY ARRIVED THERE

POINT BY GETTING AN ENDORSEMENT OF THAT ROUTE BY THE CONGRESS WHICH THEY MANAGED TO GET UP AND MANIPULATE FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTHING DIFFERENT COULD HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED BY ANY PERSON POSTED AS TO THE CHARACTER AND PURPOSES OF THE MANIPULATORS. NOTHING DIFFERENT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED BY ANYBODY WHO KNEW THAT THE PEOPLE CHIEFLY INTERESTED WERE OF THE BONAPARTIST ORDER OF MANIPULATORS, CONSCIENCELESS, UNSCRUPULOUS CHEVALIERS OF FORTUNE, GAMBLERS OF CHANCE IN WILD SCHEMES, HUMAN SPIDERS SPINNING WEB GLITTERING WITH PROMISED GOLD, BUT HIDING BEHIND WRECKED FORTUNES AND EXPLODED HOPE, DISAPPOINTMENT AND FINANCIAL RUIN.

BUT WHAT DO THEY CARE, AS THEY CARRY THEIR POINT, TO GET TOGETHER A CONGRESS OF REPRESENTATIVE MEN, PRESUMEDLY, BUT CAREFULLY SECURING A MAJORITY ALREADY FULLY DETERMINED TO PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE SPECULATIVE MANIPULATORS? AND WHAT OTHER RESULT COULD HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED FROM A CONGRESS ASSEMBLED IN PARIS, AND COMPOSED OF MEN

DESIGNS ON MERV WERE SUSPECTED. THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT, AFTER A LITTLE PRESSING, ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXPEDITION TO MERV HAD BEEN COUNTERMANDED.

AS THE PREPARATIONS STILL WENT ON, FURTHER QUESTIONS WERE ASKED. IT WAS THEN SAID THAT THE TROOPS CROSSING THE CASPIAN AND ASSEMBLING AT KRAMROVSKOYE WERE MEANT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS WHICH WERE BEING SENT TO EXAMINE THE OLDER CHANNELS OF THE OXUS. THIS EXPLANATION HELD GOOD FOR A TIME; TILL FURTHER DISCLOSURE BECAME NECESSARY.

THE RUSSIANS NOW GAVE OUT THAT THE SCIENTIFIC SURVEY PARTIES, ABOUT WHICH A GREAT DEAL OF FIASCO WAS MADE, WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE TEKKO TURCOMANS BEFOREHAND. LASTLY IT APPEARS THAT GENERAL LASAREFF WILL MARCH AGAINST THE TEKKOS, AT MERV. THE MOSCOW GAZETTE, HOWEVER, DISCLAIMS ANY SUCH DESIGN ON MERV; HAD SUCH DESIGNS EXISTED, THIS AUTHORITY SAYS, "WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BEGIN BY ESTABLISHING A POINT D'APPUI AT CHARJUI." THIS IS INDEED PLAUSSIBLE ENOUGH. SHOULD MERV EVER FAIL TO THE RUSSIANS, IT WILL MOST LIKELY APPEAR THAT TWO Columns HAVE MARCHED ON THE PLACE, ONE FROM THE CASPIAN ALONG THE ATOOCH AND THE OTHER OVER THE SANDY WASTE BETWEEN MERV AND THE OXUS. AS IT HAPPENS, HOWEVER, THERE IS NOTHING TO SHOW THAT A RUSSIAN FORCE HAS NOT BEEN ASSEMBLED AT CHARJUI ON THE OXUS; AND A RUMOUR LATELY EXISTED SAYING THAT A FORCE WAS ACTUALLY STARTING IN THIS DIRECTION FOR MERV.

THE WHOLE QUESTION ABOUT EXPEDITIONS TO MERV MUST BE LEFT TO THE LONDON FOREIGN OFFICE; THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY GIVE PERIODIC WARNINGS WHICH, AS OFTEN AS NOT, WILL BE NEGLECTED.

WE REPRINTED YESTERDAY SOME EXTRACTS FROM A PAPER BY SIR HENRY RAWLINSON, WHO DESCRIBES VERY FULLY THE COUNTRY THROUGH WHICH THE RUSSIAN EXPEDITION WILL TRAVEL.

AN EXCELLENT MAN OF THE TURCO-MONGOL STEPPE AND NORTHERN KHORASSAN WILL BE FOUND IN THE MARCH NUMBER OF THE *PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY*.

Two hawkers and a rice pounder, Chao A Po, (24) Leung A Man, (50) and Chan A Sz (25) were each fine \$50 for being out at night without a pass or light; in default three months' hard labour. At the expiration of this sentence the second prisoner will be brought before the Sittig Magistrate should the Capt. Sup't of Police desire to charge him with returning from deportation. The two had been previously convicted; No. 1 in November 1878 got two months' hard labour; No. 2 in March 1879 from Supreme Court got three years' penal servitude; he was branded on the left ear in June 1872 and deported for life. He had again been sentenced (the Magistrate not knowing the man had ever been deported) in April 1878 to six months' hard labour for larceny.

A GANG OF ROGUES.
DRUNKEN SAILORS.

Thomas Fisher, 18, seaman, H.M.S. *Pegasus*; Robert Williams, Russian seaman unemployed; Thomas Clarke, and Alfred Stork, seaman U.S.S. *Ranger*; James Hawley, British ship *G. O. Truxton*; John Lucas, Irish, seaman unemployed, were fined \$1 for having been drunk and incapable or disorderly. The first named had also assaulted a Chinaman who kept a stall, and for this had to pay \$1 extra.

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WM. CRUCKSHANK.

Hongkong, June 26, 1879. jy26

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GEORGE J. HELLAND,
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Shanghai, June 20, 1879. jy30

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GOTO SHOJIRO.

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NAKAHARA KUNINOZUKE.

Nagasaki, June 18, 1879.

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